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## **NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – May 2020**

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### **Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:**

#### **ISIS REMAINS INTACT DESPITE KILLING OF LEADER, CLAIMS CIA REPORT**



ISIS has maintained its organizational structure and leadership, with thousands of fighters posing a threat in Iraq and Syria, despite the killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi last October, according to a new CIA report.

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/w/isis-remains-intact-despite-killing-leader-cia-report>

#### **CORONAVIRUS HAS NOT SLOWED IRAN'S TERRORISM AND PROXY WARS**

Coronavirus has torn through Iran in recent months, prompting calls from the international community that the United States lift heavy economic sanctions to help them fight the contagion. But according to many analysts, even with such a crippling pandemic, it has failed to curb Iran's nefarious support of terrorist organizations and proxy wars.



<https://www.foxnews.com/world/coronavirus-iran-terrorism-proxy-wars>

#### **25 YEARS AFTER OKLAHOMA CITY, DOMESTIC TERRORISM IS ON THE RISE**



As the United States marks the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, FBI director Wray says technology is radically accelerating—and confusing—the landscape of modern terror threats.

<https://www.wired.com/story/oklahoma-city-bombing-christopher-wray/>

### **Significant Counterintelligence Issues:**

#### **CHINA UPS ITS SPY GAME ON US SOIL - TRIES TO CONTROL VIRUS NARRATIVE**

For decades, China has waged an espionage war with the United States, exploiting America's comparatively open society and free-market economy to steal critical information, trade secrets and technology tools. But as the coronavirus, officially termed COVID-19, continues to assault the globe – Beijing is upping its spy game on U.S. soil with a focus on manipulating the narrative, officials and experts say.



<https://www.foxnews.com/us/china-spying-us-soil-coronavirus-narrative>



## **DRONES FROM CHINA COMPANY CAUSE SPYING CONCERNS, EXPERTS CLAIM**



Drones being used around the country to enforce coronavirus lockdowns were donated by a company with ties to the Chinese government. This has raised concerns that the nation many blame for allowing the virus to become a pandemic has sneaked a powerful espionage tool into the skies above its economic rival.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-dji-spying-americans>

## **FOREIGN SPIES ARE TARGETING AMERICANS ON ZOOM AND OTHER VIDEO CHAT PLATFORMS, U.S. INTEL OFFICIALS SAY**

As much of the world works from home, an explosion of video conference calls has provided a playground not just for cyber-criminals, but also for spies. Everyone from top business executives to government officials and scientists are using conferencing apps to stay in touch during the new coronavirus lockdowns. This has led to U.S. counterintelligence agencies observing the espionage services of Russia, Iran, and North Korea attempting to spy on Americans' video chats, three U.S. intelligence officials tell TIME.



<https://time.com/5818851/spies-target-americans-zoom-others/>

### **Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:**

Despite the world being largely occupied with fighting the Coronavirus, ISIS is attempting to make a comeback in the Middle East. In addition, Iran's use of terrorism and proxy wars continues unabated in order to spread its influence in the region. Even in the midst of this global pandemic, Chinese espionage against the United States continues. These efforts range from attempting to control the Coronavirus narrative, to the use of high-tech drones and video chat programs such as Zoom to steal sensitive information and technology. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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